

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: P024.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 801649

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file *P024.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This is because the computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It contains a sexually explicit image of an adult male engaging a young boy in sexual activity. The image has been constructed in order to conceal the man's identity, and focus on the boy, and is a record of sexual abuse. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. The publication encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by children. Such images also advance the idea that children are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.